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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

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First Named Inventor:	Winkelman
Art Unit:	2161
Examiner Name:	Amsbury, Wayne P.
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR § 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1.	Sub	Submission Required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114		
	a.		Previously submitted:	
		i.	Consider the arguments in Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed.	
		ii.	Other:	
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		i.	Reply: Amendment and Response to Final Office Action.	
		ii.	Affidavits or Declarations:	
		iii.	Other: Petition and Fee for Extension of Time.	
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	a.		Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 R. §1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not a 27 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required);	
	ъ.		Other:	
3.		. The	RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the d.	
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ü.	A Petition and Fee for Extension of Time, filed herewith, under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17; the fee in the amount of One Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$ 120.00) for a non-small entity.
iii.	Other:
ove	The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiencies, or credit any repayments, to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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